

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Of the City of De Pere – June 18, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 6:30 at the Municipal Service Center, 925 S. Sixth Street, De Pere. Members of the Park Board present: Kathy Van Vonderen, Mike Donovan, Sue Schinkten, James Boyd, George Brown. Excused: Rod Kowalczyk and Bill Volpano. Also present: Marty Kosobucki, Don Melichar.

1. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners meeting. (Attachment)
Mike Donovan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed.
2. Acceptance of donation from the De Pere Area Men's Club. (Attachment)
Sue Schinkten moved to approve the donation and forward to the Common Council, seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. Motion passed.
3. Review and take action on proposed fundraising plan for the De Pere Dog Park. (Attachment)
Kathy Van Vonderen said the Council already has given their permission for fundraising for the dog park; however, the Council would like information so appropriate recognition can be given to the donors. Mike Donovan moved to open the meeting; seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed.
Jini Mornard, 1194 Meadowview and Mike Stumpf, 1826 Briarwood both were present and are members of the Dog Park Committee. Both Jini and Mike gave some insight on the sponsor contributions and how they were going to be recognized. Mike Donovan moved to go back to regular session; seconded by Kathy Van Vonderen. Motion passed.
Mike Donovan commented the necessity to support and recognize these volunteers and donors in their fundraising efforts. Mike Donovan moved to forward to the Common Council the motion to have the Common Council waive the need for fundraising donations to be forwarded to the Council for approval, but rather have the donors names be given to the Council for recognition. In addition, have staff work with the dog park fundraising committee to revise the "Rest of the Pack" name to a more appropriate title. Kathy Van Vonderen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Discussion and determination of Park Board mentors to Teen Advisory Positions. Mike Donovan will be the mentor to Maddie Chitwood, Teen Advisory Representative from West De Pere, and James Boyd the mentor for Kathy McGurk, EDP Teen Advisory Representative. The Board discussed taking a tour of the Parks in August.
5. Review and comment on revisions to the seven-year Capital Improvement Plan. (Attachment)
Marty Kosobucki explained that we have been told that both pool boilers should be replaced. That cost would be approximately \$200,000. Also, in 2010, Southwest Park parking lot is being budgeted at a cost of \$400,000. De Pere is hosting the 2011 Regional Soccer Tournament which will be held at Southwest Park. We will need to have additional parking to accommodate the 7 soccer fields. Currently we do not have enough parking for 5 fields, much less 7 fields. Discussion was held on possibly pushing the replacement of the boilers to 2011.

Also, the line items in red probably should be deleted unless we would get private funding for them. George Brown suggested that we should be notifying the organizations of projects being deleted. Also change the line item from Jim Martin (2) youth ball diamonds to Jim Martin baseball and not specifically "diamond(s)". Sue Schinkten moved to approve the capital plan as presented with the revisions; seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed.

6. Discussion on cooperating with De Pere Unified School District to construct a multi-use diamond in Jim Martin Park. (Attachment)
James Boyd moved to open the meeting up to the public; seconded by Mike Donovan. Motion passed.
Scott Radisson, 697 E. River Drive, DP, Operation Manager for the Pony League, spoke on the need for youth diamonds. The Unified School District is interested in a multi-use diamond. It could then serve the needs of both the City's Pony League and the School's JV's team. If Humana decides not to lease the City its 2 ball diamonds, the Pony League would not have a home. They specifically play only at Humana's diamonds. Scott Radisson said one diamond would suffice for the Pony League. Sue Schinkten moved to recommend that Staff move forward with the discussion with the school, and have them bring it forward to their governing board for approval to review the idea of a multi-use diamond in Jim Martin Park. Mike Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment Period.
None.
8. Future Agenda Items.
9. Staff Updates.
 - a. Donations – Donation received to pay the bus fee for the playground trip to the Timber Rattlers game.
 - b. Major Projects –
10. Adjournment.
Sue Schinkten moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by James Boyd. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:20 pm.

Lou Ann Zeamer, Secretary